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The Honorable William Proxmire
United States Senate



Dear Senator Proxmire:

In accordance with your request of September 27, 1972, and subsequent discussions with your office, GAO has examined trips taken by the President and his family, the Vice President, White House Staff, and Cabinet officers. It was agreed that our examination would be limited to transportation provided by the 89th Military Airlift Wing, Andrews Air Force Base (AFB), Washington, D.C., during September, October, and the first week of November 1972. It was also agreed that the specific information we would furnish you would be a list of the trips made by those mentioned above with an indication as to which trips were paid for by the Finance Committee to Re-elect the President and the amount the Committee reimbursed the Government.

From flight records of the 89th Military Airlift Wing, we identified 103 trips made by the White House and the Cabinet officers. We found that the Finance Committee to Re-Elect the President had reimbursed the Government for 23 of the trips. Our examination was restricted to trips made by other than the Presidential pilot and crew because the Presidential crew's flight records were not available to us.

However, information obtained by our Office of Federal Elections showed an additional 32 trips made by the Presidential crew and paid for by the Finance Committee to Re-Elect the President. We could not determine the total number of trips made by the crew during the period under examination.

SUMMARY OF TRIPS MADE BY
OTHER THAN PRESIDENTIAL CREW

We identified from flight logs 103 trips made by the 89th Military Airlift Wing for the White House and for Cabinet officers between September 1 and November 7, 1972.

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Twenty-six of the trips were made by Cabinet officers, and the costs were paid by the agency involved except in the case of the Secretary of Defense. Eight trips made by Secretary of Defense Laird were charged to the 89th Military Airlift Wing appropriation.

The remaining 77 trips were made for the White House. The flight logs for these trips showed only itinerary data and not the names of passengers. The Finance Committee to Re-Elect the President has reimbursed the Government \$50,355 for 23 of these trips.

Details of the 103 trips, including an indication as to whether costs were paid by the Finance Committee to Re-Elect the President, are included in enclosure I.

TRIPS MADE BY THE PRESIDENTIAL CREW

Our examination of payment documents at the Air Force Finance Office, Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C., and information available at our Office of Federal Elections showed that the Finance Committee to Re-Elect the President had paid \$98,936 for 32 additional White House trips made by the 89th Military Airlift Wing during the period we examined. These trips were not included in the 103 we identified through flight logs on file at Andrews AFB and manifests at Headquarters, Military Airlift Command, Scott AFB, Illinois. We assume that they were made by the Presidential crew and that the pertinent logs and manifests were retained by the Military Assistant to the President. Details of these trips are included as enclosure II.

LIMITATIONS ON AVAILABLE FLIGHT DATA

2 The 89th Military Airlift Wing is responsible for fulfilling the air transportation requirements of the President and other key Government officials. Air Force officials informed us that the Military Assistant to the President maintains flight log information and manifests for trips made by the Presidential pilot and crew. Flight log information for all other trips flown by the 89th Military Airlift Wing are on file at Andrews AFB.

4 All flight manifests are maintained at Headquarters, Military Airlift Command, except those pertaining to White House flights. The Military Assistant to the President maintains the manifests for all White House flights, even those not flown by the Presidential crew.

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In response to our request for the flight and manifest data, the Counsel to the President said that such records have been traditionally considered personal to the President and thus not subject to inquiry by the Congress.

We trust this information is satisfactory. We will be glad to discuss this matter in detail with you or members of your staff.

Sincerely yours,


Comptroller General
of the United States

SUMMARY OF TRIPS BY OTHER THAN PRESIDENTIAL CREW
FOR WHITE HOUSE AND CABINET OFFICERS BETWEEN
SEPTEMBER 1 AND NOVEMBER 7, 1972

Cabinet (26 flights)

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Agency</u> | <u>Itinerary</u> | <u>Passenger</u> | <u>Cost paid by</u> |
|--------------|---------------|--|---------------------------|--|
| 9-24 | State | Andrews AFB to LaGuardia International Airport, N.Y., and return | Secretary of State | Department of State |
| 9-29 | do. | LaGuardia International Airport, N.Y., to Andrews AFB | do. | do. |
| 10- 2 | do. | Andrews AFB to LaGuardia International Airport, N.Y., and return | do. | do. |
| 10-10 | do. | Andrews AFB to LaGuardia International Airport, N.Y. | do. | do. |
| 10-12 | do. | LaGuardia International Airport, N.Y., to Andrews AFB | do. | do. |
| 9-21 | Justice | Andrews AFB to Myrtle Beach AFB, S.C. | Attorney General | Department of Justice |
| 9-23 | do. | Myrtle Beach AFB, S.C., to Andrews AFB | do. | do. |
| 9- 6 | Labor | Andrews AFB to Sullivan County International Airport, N.Y., and return | Secretary of Labor | Department of Labor |
| 9-13 | Agriculture | Andrews AFB to Des Moines and Burlington, Iowa, to Mankato, Mann., and return to Andrews AFB | Secretary of Agriculture | Department of Agriculture |
| 10-30 | do. | Andrews AFB to Bloomington, Ill., to Amarillo, Tex., to Albuquerque and Kirkland, N. Mex. | do. | do. |
| 9- 1 | Treasury | Andrews AFB to Westover AFB, Mass. | Secretary of the Treasury | Department of the Treasury |
| 9- 4 | do. | Westover AFB, Mass., to Andrews AFB | do. | do. |
| 10-21 | do. | Andrews AFB to Ingalls Field, Va., and return | do. | do. |
| 10-25 | do. | Andrews AFB to Chicago, Ill. | do. | do. |
| 10-28 | do. | Chicago, Ill., to Andrews AFB | do. | do. |
| 11- 2 | do. | Andrews AFB to Logan International Airport, Mass., and return | do. | do. |
| 10-19 | Commerce | Andrews AFB to Tinker AFB, Okla., to Los Angeles, Calif., and return to Andrews AFB | Secretary of Commerce | Department of Commerce |
| 11- 6 and 7 | do. | Andrews AFB to Chicago, Ill., and return | do. | do. |
| 9- 5 and 6 | Defense | Andrews AFB to Alameda Naval Air Station, Calif., to Knoxville, Tenn., and return to Andrews AFB | Secretary of Defense | Air Force appropriation for operating the 89th Military Airlift Wing |
| 9-18 and 19 | do. | Andrews AFB to Mosinee, Madison, and Stevens Point, Wis., and return to Andrews AFB | do. | do. |
| 9-22 | do. | Andrews AFB to Hagerstown, Md., and return | do. | do. |
| 9-26 and 28 | do. | Andrews AFB to Tinker AFB, Okla., to Sheppard AFB and Carswell AFB, Tex., to McConnell AFB, Kans., and return to Andrews AFB | do. | do. |
| 10-13 and 14 | do. | Andrews AFB to Pensacola, Fla., and return | Secretary of Defense | Air Force appropriation for operating the 89th Military Airlift Wing |
| 10-21 to 23 | do. | Andrews AFB to East Hartford, Conn., to Quonset Point, R.I., to East Hartford, Conn., and return to Andrews AFB | do. | do. |
| 10-25 to 31 | do. | Andrews AFB to London, England; to Rota, Spain; to Norfolk, Va., and return to Andrews AFB | do. | do. |
| 11- 2 and 3 | do. | Andrews AFB to Oshkosh, Mosinee, and Madison, Wis., and return to Andrews AFB | do. | do. |

White House (77 flights)

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Itinerary</u> | <u>Passenger</u> | <u>Cost paid by</u> |
|--------------|---|------------------|---|
| 9-14 | Andrews AFB to Birmingham, Ala., and return | Unknown | Air Force appropriation for operating the 89th Military Air-lift Wing |
| 9-19 | Andrews AFB to Montgomery, Ala., and return | do. | do. |
| 9-19 to 21 | Andrews AFB to Los Angeles and San Francisco, Calif., and return to Andrews AFB | do. | do. |
| 10-30 and 31 | Andrews AFB to El Toro, Calif., and return | do. | do. |
| 11- 3 to 7 | Andrews AFB to El Toro and Ontario, Calif., and return to Andrews AFB | do. | do. |
| 9-12 | Andrews AFB to Colorado Springs, Colo., and return | do. | do. |
| 10-22 and 23 | Andrews AFB to Homestead AFB, Fla., to Ashland, Ky., and return to Andrews AFB | do. | do. |
| 10-27 and 28 | Andrews AFB to Tristate Airport, W.Va., to Ashland, Ky., to Homestead AFB, Fla., and return to Andrews AFB | do. | do. |
| 11- 7 | Andrews AFB to Homestead AFB, Fla., and return | do. | do. |
| 9-29 | Andrews AFB to Atlanta, Ga. and return | do. | do. |
| 10- 4 | do. | do. | do. |
| 10-23 | Andrews AFB to Chicago, Ill., and return | do. | do. |
| 10-24 | Andrews AFB to Ashland, Ky., and return | do. | do. |
| 10-19 | Andrews AFB to Detroit, Mich., and return | do. | do. |
| 9- 8 | Andrews AFB to Selfridge AFB, Mich., and return | do. | do. |
| 9-19 | Andrews AFB to Minneapolis, Minn., and return | do. | do. |
| 9-10 and 11 | Andrews AFB to Nellis AFB, Nev., and return | do. | do. |
| 9-18 | Andrews AFB to Newark, N.J., and return | do. | do. |
| 11- 6 and 7 | Andrews AFB to Islip, N.Y., and return | do. | do. |
| 10-22 and 23 | Andrews AFB to Albuquerque, N.Mex., and return | do. | do. |
| 9- 6 | Andrews AFB to JFK International Airport, N.Y., to Cleveland, Ohio, and return to Andrews AFB | do. | do. |
| 10-13 and 14 | Andrews AFB to JFK International Airport and Westchester County Airport, N.Y., and return to Andrews AFB | do. | do. |
| 9-24 | Andrews AFB to JFK International Airport, N.Y., and return | do. | do. |
| 9- 8 | Andrews AFB to LaGuardia International Airport, N.Y., and return | do. | do. |
| 9- 9 | do. | do. | do. |
| 9-13 and 14 | Andrews AFB to LaGuardia International Airport, N.Y., and return | Vice President | do. |
| 9-17 | Andrews AFB to Dulles International Airport, Va., to LaGuardia International Airport, N.Y., and return to Andrews AFB | Unknown | do. |
| 9-19 | Andrews AFB to LaGuardia International Airport, N.Y., and return | do. | do. |

White House (77 flights)

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Itinerary</u> | <u>Passenger</u> | <u>Cost paid by</u> |
|--------------|--|---------------------|--|
| 9-20 | Andrews AFB to LaGuardia International Airport, N.Y., and return | Unknown | Air Force appropriation for operating the 89th Military Airlift Wing |
| 9-26 | do. | do. | do. |
| 9-25 | do. | do. | do. |
| 9-28 | do. | do. | do. |
| 9-30 | do. | do. | do. |
| 9-30 | do. | do. | do. |
| 10- 3 | Andrews AFB to LaGuardia International Airport, N.Y., and return | Dr. Henry Kissinger | do. |
| 9-28 and 29 | Andrews AFB to LaGuardia International Airport, N.Y., to Johnson City, Tex., and return to Andrews AFB | Unknown | do. |
| 10-24 and 25 | Andrews AFB to LaGuardia International Airport, N.Y., and return | do. | do. |
| 11- 3 and 4 | do. | do. | do. |
| 10-13 | Andrews AFB to Youngstown and Cleveland, Ohio, and return to Andrews AFB | do. | do. |
| 10-27 | Andrews AFB to Cleveland, Ohio, and return | do. | do. |
| 10-16 | Andrews AFB to Philadelphia, Pa., and return | do. | do. |
| 9-13 | Andrews AFB to Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, Pa., and return to Andrews AFB | do. | do. |
| 9-15 | Andrews AFB to Wilkes Barre, Pa., and return | do. | do. |
| 9- 5 and 6 | Andrews AFB to Beaufort, S.C., and return | do. | do. |
| 10- 6 and 7 | Andrews AFB to Ellsworth AFB, S.Dak., to Seattle, Wash., and return to Andrews AFB | do. | do. |
| 10- 9 and 10 | do. | do. | do. |
| 9-14 | Andrews AFB to McGhee-Tyson Field, Tenn., and return | do. | do. |
| 9-22 and 23 | Andrews AFB to Harlingen AFB and Randolph AFB, Tex., and return to Andrews AFB | do. | do. |
| 10-26 and 27 | Andrews AFB to Charleston and Huntington, W.Va., and return to Andrews AFB | do. | do. |
| 10-19 | Andrews AFB to Hot Springs, W.Va., and return | do. | do. |
| 10-21 | do. | do. | do. |
| 10-26 | Andrews AFB to Huntington, W.Va., to Ashland, Ky., and return to Andrews AFB | do. | do. |
| 10-27 | Andrews AFB to TriState Airport, W.Va., and return | do. | do. |
| 10-11 | Andrews AFB to Atlantic City, N.J., and return | do. | do. |

White House (77 flights)

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Itinerary</u> | <u>Passenger</u> | <u>Cost paid by</u> | |
|-------------|--|--------------------|---|----------------------------|
| 9-13 | Andrews AFB to Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, Pa., to Andrews AFB | Mr. Robert Finch | Finance Committee to Re-Elect the President | (\$ 1,124.51) |
| 9-18 to 20 | Andrews AFB to Billings and Yellowstone, Mont., and Idaho Falls, Idaho, to Andrews AFB | Unknown | do. | } (10,875.08) |
| 9-18 to 21 | do. | do. | do. | |
| 10-25 | Andrews AFB to Lockbourne, Ohio, and return | President's family | do. | (1,025.68) |
| 10-27 | Andrews AFB to Shreveport, La., to Gulfport, Miss., to Keesler AFB, Miss., to Minneapolis, Minn., and return to Andrews AFB | do. | do. | (5,333.54) |
| 10-28 | Andrews AFB to Detroit, Mich., and return | do. | do. | (1,179.53) |
| 9-14 | Andrews AFB to Trenton, N.J., and return | do. | do. | { (564.13) { (769.26) |
| 9- 5 | Andrews AFB to Mayport Naval Air Station, Fla., and return | do. | do. | (72.00) |
| 9- 8 | Andrews AFB to Chicago, Ill., and return | do. | do. | (1,538.52) |
| 9-10 | Andrews AFB to Cleveland, Ohio, and return | do. | do. | (1,025.68) |
| 9-11 | Andrews AFB to LaGuardia International Airport, N.Y., and return | do. | do. | (512.84) |
| 9-12 | Andrews AFB to Nashville, Tenn., and return | President's family | do. | (1,384.68) |
| 9-28 and 29 | Andrews AFB to Birmingham, Ala., to Craig AFB, Ala., to Little Rock, Ark., to Raleigh-Durham, N.C., and return to Andrews AFB | do. | do. | (2,923.18) |
| 10- 1 | Andrews AFB to Milwaukee, Wis., and return | do. | do. | (1,641.08) |
| 10- 4 | Andrews AFB to Indianapolis, Ind., and return | do. | do. | (1,435.95) |
| 10- 5 | Andrews AFB to Richards-Gebaur AFB, Mo.; to Los Angeles, El Toro, and Ontario, Calif.; to Cleveland, Ohio, and return to Andrews AFB | do. | do. | (6,154.08) |
| 10- 6 | Andrews AFB to Westchester County Airport, N.Y., to Montpelier, Vt., to Berlin, N.H., and return to Andrews AFB | do. | do. | (1,791.68) |
| 10-18 | Andrews AFB to Columbia and Myrtle Beach, S.C., and return to Andrews AFB | do. | do. | (1,384.67) |
| 10-23 | Andrews AFB to Offutt AFB, Nebr., to Medford, Oreg., to McClellan AFB, Calif., and return to Andrews AFB | do. | do. | (6,820.77) |
| 10-26 | Andrews AFB to Huntington, W. Va., to Ashland, Ky., and return to Andrews AFB | do. | do. | (1,208.34) |
| 11- 6 | Andrews AFB to LaGuardia International Airport and MacArthur Airport, N.Y., and return to Andrews AFB | do. | do. | (666.69) |
| 11- 7 | Andrews AFB to MacArthur Airport, N.Y., and return | do. | do. | (410.27) |
| 11- 4 | Harrisburg, Pa., to Willow Grove, Pa. | do. | do. | (512.84) |
| Total | | | | (\$ 50,355.00) |

^a23 flights paid by Finance Committee to Re-Elect the President.

WHITE HOUSE TRIPS BY THE PRESIDENTIAL CREW
BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1 AND NOVEMBER 7, 1972
FOR WHICH THE COST WAS PAID BY
THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO RE-ELECT THE PRESIDENT

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Itinerary</u> | <u>Passenger</u> | <u>Amount of reimbursement</u> |
|----------------|---|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 9-22 and 23 | Andrews AFB to Laredo, Harlingen, and San Antonio, Tex., and return to Andrews AFB | President Nixon and staff | \$ 8,283.68 |
| 9-18 to 20 | Andrews AFB to Chicago, Ill. to Billings, Mont., to Idaho Falls, Idaho, to Moffett Field, Calif., to San Antonio, Tex., to Oklahoma City, Okla. and return to Andrews AFB | President's family | 16,794.30 |
| 9-23 | Andrews AFB to Chicago, Ill., and return | do. | 1,641.09 |
| 9-26 | Andrews AFB to Kansas City, Kans., to Stapleton and McCarran, Calif., to Phoenix, Ariz., to Santa Fe and Carlsbad, N. Mex., and return to Andrews AFB | do. | 5,846.38 |
| 10-24 | Andrews AFB to Morgantown, W. Va., and return | do. | 669.69 |
| 10-30 | Andrews AFB to Syracuse and Buffalo, N.Y., and return to Andrews AFB | do. | 1,333.88 |
| 10-30 | Andrews AFB to Wausau, Wis., and return | do. | 1,948.79 |
| 9- 7 | Andrews AFB to LaGuardia International Airport, N.Y., and return | do. | 820.54 |
| 9- 9 | Andrews AFB to Willow Grove, Penn., and return | do. | 512.84 |
| 9-10 | Andrews AFB to LaGuardia International Airport, N.Y., and return | do. | 461.55 |
| 9-12 | Andrews AFB to St. Louis, Mo., to Cleveland and Port Columbus, Ohio, and return to Andrews AFB | do. | 2,410.34 |
| 9-16 | Andrews AFB to Port Columbus, Ohio, and return | do. | 1,025.68 |
| 9-16 | Andrews AFB to Philadelphia, Pa. and return | do. | 615.39 |
| 9-21 and 22 | Andrews AFB to Bismark and Fargo, N. Dak., to Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and return to Andrews AFB | do. | 3,589.88 |
| 9-15 | Andrews AFB to Morristown, Penn., and return | do. | 410.27 |
| 9-16 | Andrews AFB to LaGuardia International Airport, N.Y., and return | do. | 358.99 |
| 9-26 to 28 | Andrews AFB to Newark, N.J., to Oakland and Los Angeles, Calif., and return to Andrews AFB | President Nixon | 11,574.45 |
| 10- 9 | Andrews AFB to LaGuardia International Airport, N.Y., and return | President's family | 769.26 |
| 10-13 | Andrews AFB to Quincy, Ill., to Kansas City, Kans., to Wheeling, W. Va., to Hagerstown, Md., and return to Andrews AFB | do. | 2,666.76 |
| 10- 4 and 5 | Andrews AFB to Harrisburg, Pa., to LaGuardia International Airport, N.Y., and return to Andrews AFB | do. | 1,025.68 |
| 10-15 | Andrews AFB to Buffalo, N.Y., and return | do. | 1,025.68 |
| 10-19 | Andrews AFB to Detroit and Wayne, Mich., and return to Andrews AFB | do. | 1,179.53 |
| 10-31 and 11-1 | Andrews AFB to Lawrence G. Hanscom Field, Mass., and return | do. | 1,025.68 |
| 10-10 | Andrews AFB to JFK International Airport, N.Y., and return | do. | 36.00 |
| 10-12 | Andrews AFB to Atlanta, Ga., and return | President Nixon | 2,723.40 |
| 10-23 | Andrews AFB to Westchester County and MacArthur Airports, N.Y., and return to Andrews AFB | do. | 1,929.08 |
| 10-28 | Andrews AFB to Cleveland, Ohio, to Saginaw, Mich., and return to Andrews AFB | do. | 3,972.63 |
| 11- 3 | Andrews AFB to Chicago, Ill., to Tulsa, Okla., to Providence, R.I., and return to Andrews AFB | do. | 8,510.63 |
| 11- 2 | Andrews AFB to Grand Rapids, Mich., to Chicago, Ill., and return to Andrews AFB | President's family | 1,794.94 |
| 11- 4 | Andrews AFB to Greensboro, N.C., to Albuquerque, N. Mex., to Ontario and El Toro, Calif., and return to Andrews AFB | President Nixon | 11,687.93 |
| 9- 1 | El Toro, Calif., to Seattle, Wash., and return | President's family | 2,256.50 |
| 10-21 | JFK International Airport, N.Y., to Andrews AFB | do. | 36.00 |
| | Total | | \$98,936.44 |

*32 flights.